

REMOVAL OF CUSTOM-HOUSE FROM JACKSONVILLE TO
HAZARD, IN FLORIDA.

JUNE 24, 1842.

Read, and laid upon the table.

Mr. RAYNER, from the Committee on Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT :

The Committee on Commerce, to which were referred the petitions of sundry citizens of Duwall and Pilatka counties, in the Territory of Florida, report :

The petitioners ask for the removal of the custom-house from Jacksonville to Hazard, and the establishment of a port of entry at the latter place. The committee have learned, from the Delegate from the Territory of Florida, (Mr. Levy,) that Jacksonville is a flourishing town on the St. John's, about forty miles above Hazard, which is near the mouth of the river ; that Jacksonville is in the heart of a flourishing community, and is the point where the trade and commerce of the adjacent country concentrate, and find a natural market ; that Hazard is an inconsiderable place, at the mouth of the St. John's, in a sparsely settled and poor country.

The Delegate (Mr. Levy) states to the committee, as his conviction, that the proposed removal of the custom-house is not desired by a majority of those interested, but that, on the other hand, it would subject them to inconvenience. The committee feel disposed to conform to the opinion of the Delegate, and therefore submit the following resolution :

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

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The following report of the Commissioner of the Land Office, in response to a resolution of the House of Representatives, passed March 1, 1860, is published in accordance with the provisions of the act of Congress, approved March 3, 1855, relating to the publication of the reports of the several departments of the Government.

The report is divided into two parts, the first of which contains a general statement of the condition of the public lands, and the second a detailed statement of the operations of the Land Office during the year ending on the 31st of December, 1859.

The first part of the report contains a general statement of the condition of the public lands, and is divided into three sections, the first of which contains a statement of the total area of the public lands, the second a statement of the area of the public lands which have been surveyed, and the third a statement of the area of the public lands which have been sold.

The second part of the report contains a detailed statement of the operations of the Land Office during the year ending on the 31st of December, 1859, and is divided into four sections, the first of which contains a statement of the number of applications for land, the second a statement of the number of lands sold, the third a statement of the number of lands which have been surveyed, and the fourth a statement of the number of lands which have been reserved.